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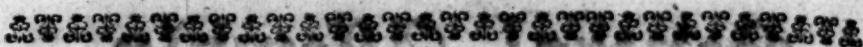
I.
*The King's Commission to Alexander
 Earl of Leven produced, and ordered
 to be recorded.*

Edinburgh, the 7th Day of May 1747. Sess. 1.



HE General Assembly of this National Church
 being convened and constituted, there was
 produced to them by the Right Honourable
Alexander Earl of Leven. His MAJESTY'S
 Commission, sealed with the Seal appointed
 by the Treaty of Union to be kept and used
 in *Scotland*, in place of the Great Seal of *Scotland*, mak-
 ing and constituting him His Majesty's High Commissioner
 and Representative in this Assembly, of the same Tenor with

with the Commission granted to his Lordship last Year; which Commission was publickly read with all due Honour and Respect, and appointed to be recorded in the Books of Assembly.



II.

*The King's most gracious Letter to the
General Assembly, presented to them
by His Majesty's Commissioner.*

Edinburgh, May 7th 1747. Sess. 1.

GEORGE R.



RIGHT Reverend and Welbeloved, We greet you well. The signal Proofs you have given in your former Assemblies, of your Zeal for the Advancement of true Religion, and the Experience We have had of your Loyalty and Affection to Our Person and Government, and especially on Occasion of the late unnatural Rebellion, which by the Blessing of God is now happily extinguished, leave Us no Room to doubt, but that you are now come together with the same good Dispositions and Intentions; And We do therefore most willingly countenance this your Meeting with Our Approbation and Royal Authority: And We gladly take this Opportunity, to assure you of Our firm Resolution to protect and maintain the Church of Scotland, as by Law established, in the full Enjoyment of all their Rights and Privileges.

As We have always had entire Satisfaction in the Fidelity and Abilities of Our Right Trusty and entirely Beloved Cousin, Alexander Earl of Leven, and as We have the firmest Dependence on his Diligence and Prudence in the Discharge of so important a Trust; We have again made Choice of him to represent Our Person on this Occasion; being fully persuaded, that the Knowledge you have of his steady Attachment to Our Service, and of his zealous Adherence to the Church of Scotland, will render him acceptable to you. We promise ourselves that nothing will be wanting on your Part, that may tend to the Advancement of Religion and Piety, and to the attaining those good Ends for which you are at this Time assembled. And so We bid you

you heartily farewell. Given at Our Court at *St. James's*,
the 28th Day of *April* 1747, and in the Twentieth Year
of Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command,

HOLIES NEWCASTLE.

III.

*The General Assembly's Answer to the
King's most gracious Letter.*

Edinburgh, May 9th 1747, Sess. 3.

May it please your Majesty,



OUR Majesty's Goodness in taking Notice, in
Your gracious Letter to this General Assembly,
of the Loyalty and Affection of the Church of
Scotland to your Royal Person and Government,
particularly on Occasion of the late unnatural
Rebellion, the happy Extinction of which gives us the
highest Joy, we esteem as the greatest Honour that could
be done us; and as our unshaken Zeal for the Service and
Support of your Majesty's Government and Royal Family,
is the natural and just Effect of your Majesty's unwearied
Care for the Support, Defence and Protection of your Sub-
jects, in the full Enjoyment of all their Rights and Pri-
vileges both Sacred and Civil; we look on it as our Duty to
manifest it on all Occasions, especially in the Meetings of
our General Assembly, and place on it our Hopes of the
Continuance of your Royal Favour to us, and of our Hap-
piness under your auspicious Reign, which we pray God
may long continue and prosper.

Your Majesty's kind Assurances of maintaining and pro-
tecting the Church of *Scotland*, in the full Enjoyment of
all their Rights and Privileges, do lay such Obligations on us
to our Duty, as we shall endeavour better to express in the
Course of our Actings, than now we are able to do by
Words.

Your Majesty's Choice of the Right Honourable the Earl
of *Leven*, to represent your Royal Person in this Assembly,
is most acceptable to us: He, following the Example of his
noble Ancestors, having given the Church of *Scotland* many
Proofs of his Adherence to their Interest, as well as of Fi-
delity, Abilities, Diligence, Prudence and Affection to your
Majesty, in the Discharge of that important Trust.

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We shall on our Part be wanting in nothing that may be necessary, for attaining the wished for Success to your Majesty's tender Care and Concern for the Advancement of Religion and Piety; and hope, by the Blessing of God, to attain those good Ends for which we are at this Time assembled.

We acknowledge, with humble Thankfulness, your Majesty's great Goodness in renewing, at this Time, your Royal Bounty for the Reformation of the Highlands and Islands, and committing the Distribution of it to our Care, of which your Majesty's High Commissioner has given us Notice; and we shall endeavour to execute that Trust with Fidelity, Prudence and Exactness, suitable to the Confidence your Majesty is graciously pleased to repose in us.

We beg Leave to add, that we daily put up our fervent Prayers, in private and publick, to Almighty God, that as Divine Providence was graciously pleased to place your Royal Family on the Throne of these Realms, for their Deliverance, Protection and Defence from the threatened Calamities of Popery, Slavery and arbitrary Power; it may likewise please the Divine Goodness, in Reward of your Majesty's tender and fatherly Care, for the Religion, Laws and Liberties of your Subjects, to pour down in Abundance heavenly Blessings on your sacred Person; on his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, his Princess and Royal Issue; and on all the Branches of your Royal House: And in particular for the Safety and Preservation of his Royal Highness the Duke, now in the Field at the Head of your Armies; and that Victory and Success may attend the distinguished Courage, wise Conduct and indefatigable Application, with which his Royal Highness generously exposes his precious Life, for the Religious and Civil Interests of his native Country, and the Liberties of Europe. And we, with the greatest Gratitude, and most profound Respect,

May it please your Majesty,

*Your Majesty's most faithful, most obedient,
and most loyal Subjects,*

*The Ministers and Elders met in the National
Assembly of the Church of Scotland,*

*Signed in our Name, in our Presence, and at
our Appointment, by*

Edinburgh, 9th

May 1747.

ROBERT KINLOCH Moderator.

IV. Act

IV.

*Act concerning the Fund for a Provision
to Ministers Widows, &c. and enjoin-
ing Presbyteries to transmit to the
Trustees regularly their annual Lists.*

Edinburgh, 15th May 1747, Sess. 8.



THE General Assembly having had laid before them, and considered the Report of the Trustees appointed by Act of Parliament, for managing the Fund raised and established for a Provision to the Widows and Children of the Ministers of the Church of Scotland, setting forth, That their Trust is become almost insupportable, through the many Inaccuracies in the annual Lists transmitted to them from several Presbyteries, and cannot be discharged with that Exactness which is absolutely necessary in the due Execution of such a Plan: And further representing, That the Fund sustains a considerable Loss, by Ministers not calling from the Collector for the Thirty Pounds *sterling* ordered for them by the Trustees, according to the Directions of the Assembly. Therefore the General Assembly do hereby enjoin the strict Observation of the Acts of former Assemblies, respecting what is thereby required from Presbyteries, for the more effectually bringing the Purposes of the foresaid Act of Parliament into Execution; particularly the keeping separate Registers in the several Presbyteries, and the making out therefrom, and timeously transmitting to the Trustees, annually, before *Candlemas*, Lists of all the particular Facts that shall, from time to time, be found necessary to be known by the Trustees. And whereas, by the 4th Act of the Assembly 1745, it is appointed, that the several Synods call for the said separate Registers, at least once every Year, and carefully inspect the same, and attest that they are kept according to the Plan therein referred to: It is hereby further required, that the said Synods do report their Diligence to each General Assembly. And it is also hereby appointed and ordained, that the annual Lists, to be transmitted from time to time to the Trustees, shall be drawn up in the *precise Words, Columns, and Order*, contained in the Specimens that have been, or shall hereafter be prepared by the said Trustees, and sent to the several Presbyteries. And in case Presbyteries shall fail in making their annual Returns at the Time, and in Manner foresaid, the Assembly do recommend

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to the Trustees to exert those Powers the Law has put into their Hands, for obliging Presbyteries to transmit their Lists in a regular and uniform Manner. And the General Assembly do likewise appoint and ordain each Minister to transmit to the Collector his Bond for Thirty Pounds, according to the Form established by the General Assembly, so soon as Notice shall be given him by the Trustees, or their Clerk, that there is Money in the Collector's Hands for Payment of the same, as such Minister shall be answerable to the General Assembly.

V.

Act for preventing the Growth of Popery.

Edinburgh, 15th May 1747, Sess. 8.

THE General Assembly do appoint the several Presbyteries of this Church, to take an Account of the Number of Papists within their respective Bounds, and of the Names of Popish Priests who haunt among them, and where they hold their Meetings, and to lay the same before the Commission in *November* next, or as soon as possibly they can: And the Commission is hereby impowered and enjoined to make proper Representations concerning them to the Civil Government.

VI.

Commission to some Ministers and Ruling Elders, for discussing Affairs referred to them.

Edinburgh, May 18th, 1747, Sess. ult.

THE General Assembly considering, that there are diverse Affairs before them which they cannot overtake, do hereby nominate, commissionate and appoint the Reverend Mr. *Robert Kinloch*, one of the Ministers of *Edinburgh*, their Moderator; and from the Presbytery of *Abertarph*, Mr. *Thomas Montfod* at *Kilmalie*.

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malie. Mr. John Grant at Urquhart, Ministers; Sir Archibald Grant of Monimusk, Barr. Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Skye, Mr. Donald MacQueen at Trotternish, Mr. John MacPherson at Slair, Ministers. From the Presbytery of Lewis, Mr. Colin MacKensie at Lochs, Mr. John Clark at Stornavoy, Ministers. From the Presbytery of Uist, Mr. William MacLeod at Bara, Mr. Donald MacLeod at North Uist, Ministers. From the Presbytery of Gairloch, Mr. Eneas MacAulay at Gairloch, Mr. John Betan at Glenthiel, Ministers. From the Presbytery of Dornoch, Mr. William Scobie at Assint, Mr. Hugh Sutherland at Kildonan, Ministers. From the Presbytery of Tong, Mr. Walter Rose at Tong, Mr. Murdo MacDonald at Duirness, Ministers. From the Presbytery of Caithness, Mr. James Fern at Wick, Mr. Alexander Oliphant at Bowier, Ministers. From the Presbytery of Kirkwall, Mr. William Major at Holm, Mr. John Scollay at Kirkwall, Ministers. From the Presbytery of Cairston, Mr. Alexander Gadder at Birsay, Mr. John Reid at Orphir, Ministers. From the Presbytery of North Isles, Mr. Andrew Cawen at Westray, Mr. Robert Scollay at Stronsay, Ministers; Jerom Dennison of Nautland, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Zerland, Mr. Andrew Fiskine at Delcing, Mr. John Miln at Dunrosneth, Ministers; John Craigie, Stewart Depute of Zerland, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Edinburgh, Mr. James Nisbet at Edinburgh, Mr. William Gushatt there, Mr. Patrick Cuming there, Mr. Robert Hamilton there, Mr. Gilbert Hamilton at Craigmoad, Mr. William Bennet at Duddingston, Ministers; the Right Honourable the Lord Arncliffe, James Balfour of Pilrig, Mr. James Stuart Merchant and late Bailie of Edinburgh, Ruling Elders. From the City of Edinburgh, George Drummond Esquire, present Lord Provost of Edinburgh, George Gunningham present Deacon of the Surgeons there, University of Edinburgh, Dr. William Wishart Principal thereof. From the Church of Campvere, Mr. James Tair Minister, Archibald MacAulay Esquire, Lord Conservator, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Linlithgow, Mr. John Lockup at Mid-Calder, Mr. James Nasmyth at Dalmenie, Mr. Robert Hunter at Livingston, Mr. Patrick Bennet at Polmont, Ministers; the Right Honourable Francis Lord Napier, Mr. Patrick Haldane of Bearcrofts, Ruling Elders. From the Burgh of Linlithgow, the Laird of Dundas, From the Presbytery of Biggar, Mr. Simon Kelly at Glenholm, Mr. John Bowie at Dolphington, Ministers; Mr. Archibald Bertram younger of Nisbet, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Peebles, Mr. Gilbert Hatchison at Innerleithen, Mr. Christopher Cairns at Tweedsmuir, Ministers; William Ker present Bailie of Peebles, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Dalkeith, Mr. James Paton at Primrole,

Mr. *Frederick Carmichael* at Inverask, Mr. *Patrick Sim-
son* at Falla, Ministers; Mr. *Robert Dundas* younger of
Arnistoun, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Hadding-
toun, Mr. *Andrew Dickson* at Aberlady, Mr. *Patrick
Wilkie* at Haddingtoun, Mr. *James Witherspoon* at Yester,
Ministers; Sir *Robert Sinclair* of Stevenstoun, Ruling Elder,
From the Burgh of Haddingtoun, *David Randie*. From
the Burgh of North-berwick, Mr. *George Brown* of Colstoun,
Advocate. From the Presbytery of Dunbar, Mr. *Alexander
Pyot* at Dunbar, Mr. *David Smith* at Innerwick, Mini-
sters; Mr. *Thomas Hamilton* Advocate, Ruling Elder. From
the Burgh of Dunbar, Mr. *Alexander Hamilton* of Pen-
cailand. From the Presbytery of Dunse, Mr. *Walter
Hart* at Buncle, Mr. *James Laurie* at Langtoun, Mini-
sters; Mr. *Alexander Home* of Eccles Advocate, Ruling
Elder. From the Presbytery of Chirnside, Mr. *Robert
Park* at Foulden, Mr. *George Home* at Chirnside, Mr.
Abraham Home there, Ministers; Mr. *John Swinton*
younger of Thar-ilk, Advocate, Ruling Elder. From the
Presbytery of Kello, Mr. *James Ramsay* at Kello, Mr.
William Walker at Mackerstoun, Ministers; Mr. *Charles
Binning* of Pilmore Advocate, Ruling Elder. From the
Presbytery of Jedburgh, Mr. *Robert Riccalton* at Hob-
kirk, Mr. *John Cranston* junior at Ancrum, Mr. *William
Rutherford* at Oxnam, Ministers; the most Honourable the
Marquis of *Lothian*, Ruling Elder. Burgh of Jedburgh,
Mr. *George Buchan* of Kello. From the Presbytery of Earl-
stoun, Mr. *James Innes* at Merton, Mr. *Walter Douglas*
at Legertwood, Ministers; Mr. *Robert Kennedy* of Green-
know, Ruling Elder. Burgh of Lauder, *George Peter* of
Chappel. From the Presbytery of Selkirk, Mr. *Adam
Miln* at Melrose, Mr. *James Mason* at St. Boswells, Mini-
sters; Mr. *Andrew Pringle* younger of Haining, Advocate,
Ruling Elder. Burgh of Selkirk, Dr. *Andrew Plummer*
Physician. From the Presbytery of Annan, Mr. *James
Gat* at Gratney, Mr. *James Currie* at Kirkpatrick-Fleming,
Ministers; *Robert Dalrymple* of Priestside, Ruling Elder
From the Presbytery of Langholm, Mr. *James MacGar-
rach* at Eskdalemuir, Mr. *Robert Petrie* at Canonbie, Mini-
sters; *Thomas Scot* of Coums, Ruling Elder. From the
Presbytery of Lochmaben, Mr. *John Allan* at Kirkmichael,
Mr. *William Young* at Hutton, Ministers; Mr. *James
Erskine*, junior Advocate, Ruling Elder. From the Presby-
tery of Penpont, Mr. *John Collow* at Penpont, Mr. *Wil-
liam Cunningham* at Durisdeer, Ministers; Mr. *William
Kirkpatrick* of Eliessland, one of the principal Clerks of
Session, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of *Dun-
fries*, Mr. *Thomas MacKinnel* at Urr, Mr. *John Scot* at *Dun-
fries*, Mr. *James Hogg* at Kirkbean, Ministers; the Right
Honourable the Lord *Tinwald*, Ruling Elder. Burgh of

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of Dumfries, *George Bell* Provost thereof. From the Presbytery of Kirkcudbright, Mr. *Andrew Boyd* at *Twynholm*, Mr. *John Lamont* at *Kelton*, Mr. *Nathaniel MacKie* at *Crossmichael*, Ministers; *David Thomson* of *Inglishtoun*, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Wigtoun, Mr. *John Hart* at *Kirkinner*, Mr. *George Muirhead* at *Minnygaff*, Ministers; Dr. *Alexander Martine* of *Little Aires*, Physician, Ruling Elder. Burgh of *Whithorn*, *Hugh Hawthorn* late Dean of *Gild of Edinburgh*. From the Presbytery of *Stranrawer*, Mr. *James MacCulloch* at *Kirkcolm*, Mr. *George Blair* at *Stranrawer*, Ministers; Dr. *James Dalrymple* of *Dunraggat*, Ruling Elder. Burgh of *Stranrawer*, Mr. *Andrew MacDonall* of *Kingseat* Advocate. From the Presbytery of *Ayr*, Mr. *Patrick Wodrow* at *Torbolton*, Mr. *John Campbell* at *Riccarton*, Mr. *William Walker* at *Monktoun*, Mr. *Robert Findlay* at *Gallstoun*, Mr. *George Bannatyne* at *Craigie*, Ministers; Mr. *Alexander Boswel* of *Auchinleck*, Mr. *David Dalrymple* Advocate, Procurator for the Church, Ruling Elders. From the Presbytery of *Irvine*, Mr. *Malcolm Brown* at *Kilbirnie*, Mr. *John Montgomery* at *Stewarton*, Mr. *John Witherspoon* at *Beith*, Ministers; the Right Honourable the Lord *Shewalton*, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of *Paisley*, Mr. *Robert Carrick* at *Houston*, Mr. *David Brown* at *Port-Glasgow*, Mr. *Robert Wodrow* at *Eastwood*, Ministers; *William Muir* of *Caldwall*, Esquire, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of *Hamilton*, Mr. *John Scot* at *Stonhouse*, Mr. *Robert Hamilton*, at *Hamilton*, Mr. *William Steel* at *Dalserf*, Ministers; *James Hamilton* of *Stevenstoun*, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of *Lanerk*, Mr. *Charles Hunter* at *Perinain*, Mr. *Thomas Linning* at *Lesmahago*, Mr. *James Porteous* at *Wistoun*, Ministers; Mr. *James Baillie* of *Hardingtoun* Writer to the Signet, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of *Glasgow*, Mr. *John Ker* at *Carmonock*, Mr. *John Erskine* at *Kirkintilloch*, Mr. *Alexander Dun* at *Calder*, Ministers; *Arthur Robertson* Merchant in *Glasgow*, Ruling Elder. University of *Glasgow*, Mr. *William Leechman* Professor of Divinity therein. City of *Glasgow*, *John Murdoch* Esquire, present Provost thereof. From the Presbytery of *Dumbarton*, Mr. *James Robertson* at *Luss*, Mr. *Andrew Gray* at *East-Kilpatrick*, Mr. *Duncan MacFarlane* at *Drymen*, Ministers; Major *James Colquhoun* of *Luss*, Ruling Elder. Burgh of *Dumbarton*, Mr. *James Smollet* of *Bonhill* Advocate. From the Presbytery of *Dunoon*, Mr. *Alexander MacKay* at *Dunoon*, Mr. *James Stewart* at *Kingarth*, Ministers. From the Presbytery of *Kintyre*, Mr. *Andrew Duncan* at *Kilchalmoneil*, Mr. *David Campbell* at *Southend*, Ministers; Mr. *Alexander MacMillan* of *Dunmore* Writer to the Signet, Ruling Elder. Burgh of *Campbeltoun*, Mr.

Mr. *James Campbell* of St. Germain's. From the Presbytery of Inveraray, Mr. *Archibald Lambie* at Kilmartine, Mr. *Alexander Campbell* at Inveraray, Ministers; *Colin Campbell* Esquire, one of the Commissioners of his Majesty's Customs, Ruling Elder. Burgh of Inveraray, Captain *John Campbell* of Linchfield. From the Presbytery of Lorn, Mr. *Alexander MacFarlane* at Kilninver, Mr. *William Campbell* at Kilchrenan, Ministers; *John Campbell* Cashier to the Royal Bank, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Mull, Mr. *Archibald MacNiel* at Morvern, Mr. *Hector MacLean* at Coll, Ministers; *Hector MacLean* of Torloisk, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Dunkeld, Mr. *George Frier* at Lethandie, Mr. *Fergus Ferguson* at Fortingall, Mr. *Alexander Stewart* at Blair-Athole, Mr. *James Scott* at Auchtergaven, Ministers; *Robert Mackintosh* Agent for the Church, and *James Wright* of Laton, Ruling Elders. From the Presbytery of Perth, Mr. *James Lindsay* at Dumbarnie, Mr. *David Black* at Perth, Mr. *Patrick Duncan* at Tippermuir, Mr. *Archibald Stevenson* at St. Madois, Ministers; Mr. *Robert Craigie* of Glendolck, Advocate, *George Hay* of Leys, Ruling Elders. Burgh of Perth, *John Robertson* Provost thereof. From the Presbytery of Stirling, Mr. *Thomas Turner* at Stirling, Mr. *John Haly* at Clackmannan, Ministers; Mr. *Thomas Dundas* of Fingask, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Auchterarder, Mr. *John Drummond* at Crief, Mr. *Andrew Smith* at Dunning, Mr. *Alexander Murray* at Fowls, Ministers; Mr. *Charles Campbell* of Lochland, Advocate, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Dunblane, Mr. *William Simson* at Dunblane, Mr. *John Ferguson* at Port, Ministers; Sir *James Campbell* of Aberuchil, Baronet, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Dumfermline, Mr. *John Liston* at Aberdour, Mr. *David Hunter* at Saline, Mr. *Henry Hardie* at Culrois, Ministers; *Alexander Bruce* of Kennet, Esq; Ruling Elder. Burgh of Culrois, *Robert Geddes* Baillie thereof. Burgh of Inverkeithing, *John Barron*. From the Presbytery of Kirkcaldy, Mr. *David Marshall* at Kirkcaldie, Mr. *Robert Young* at Lethy, Mr. *George Preston* at Markinch, Ministers; *John Boswell* of Balmuto, Ruling Elder. Burgh of Kirkcaldy, Dr. *Robert Hay* of Struie. Burgh of Dysart, *Alexander Marner*, Burgess in Dysart. Burgh of Kinghorn, Mr. *Gilbert Elliot* younger of Minto Advocate. From the Presbytery of Coupar, Mr. *John Ballingall* at Coupar, Mr. *Hugh Glas* at Kettle, Mr. *Gerstom Carmichael* at Monymead, Mr. *John Mathie* at Coleslie, Ministers; the Right Honourable the Earl of Leven, Mr. *James MacGill* of Rankellor, Ruling Elders. Burgh of Coupar, Commissar *James Lesly*. From the Presbytery of St. Andrews, Mr. *Thomas Tullideph* Principal of St. Leonard's

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James Ward's College at St. Andrews, *Mr. John Cook* at St. Monance, *Mr. John Tod* at Deninno, *Mr. Joseph Pitcairn* at Carnbee, Ministers; *James Fernie* late Dean of Guild of St. Andrews, and Baillie *William Anderson*, Ruling Elders. Burgh of St. Andrews, *Mr. Andrew Watson* present Provost thereof, University of St. Andrews, *Mr. Andrew Shaw* Professor of Divinity therein. Burgh of Crail, Baillie *Thomas Wishart*, Burgh of Anstruther Easter, *John Bald* Burgess of said Burgh. Burgh of Anstruther Wester, Baillie *George Rob.* Burgh of Kilrenny, *James Waid* one of the present Baillies thereof. From the Presbytery of Miegle, *Mr. John Robertson* at Alyth, *Mr. Alexander Scot* at Kingoldrum, *Mr. James Spankie* at Coupar, Ministers; *John Murray* of Lintrose, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Forfar, *Mr. James Donaldson* at Glammis, *Mr. John Ker* at Forfar, Ministers; *John Donaldson* of Inveriechty, Ruling Elder. Burgh of Forfar, *Thomas Carnegie* of Fiahaven. From the Presbytery of Dundee, *Mr. James Miln* at Kinnaird, *Mr. George Johnston* at Monikie, *Mr. William Dull* at Monifieth, Ministers; *Alexander Duncan* of Lundie, Ruling Elder. Burgh of Dundee, *Jobson* Baillie thereof. From the Presbytery of Aberbrothwick, *Mr. William Hepburn* at Inverkillor, *Mr. James Marison* at Kinnell, Ministers; *John Kenny* in Aberbrothwick, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Brichen, *Mr. James Beattie* at Marytoun, *Mr. George Wilson* at Edzel, *Mr. James Fordice* at Brichen, Ministers; *Robert Scot* of Duninnald, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Fordeoun, *Mr. Henry Hamilton* at Glenbervie, *Mr. William Thomson* at Marykirk, *Mr. James Walker* at Dunottar, Ministers; *John Young* of Strank, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Aberdeen, *Mr. John Lumsden* Professor of Divinity in the King's College at Aberdeen; *Mr. Robert Melvil* at Durrus, *Mr. Thomas Reid* at Newmachar, *Mr. George Abercrombie* at Footdie, Ministers; *William Grant* of Prestongrange, Esq; his Majesty's Advocate; *Doctor David Verner* Professor of Law and Philosophy in the Marishal College of Aberdeen, Ruling Elders. Marishal College of Aberdeen, *Mr. Roberts Pollock* Professor of Divinity therein. From the Presbytery of Kincardinoniel, *Mr. Lewis Reid* at Strathagen, *Mr. William Abel* at Kincardinoniel, *Mr. George Shepherd* at Tarland, Ministers; *Sir Arthur Forbes* of Craigievar, Baronet, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Alford, *Mr. James Lumsden* at Towie, *Mr. Alexander Johnston* at Allford, *Mr. Patrick Thomson* at Tough, Ministers. From the Presbytery of Ellon, *Mr. Alexander Moir* at Ellon, *Mr. Alexander Knowlis* at Methlick, Ministers; *George Clark* in the Parish of Slains. From the Presbytery of Garioch, *Mr. Robert Abercrombie* at Lesly, *Mr. Alexander Gordon* at Kintore, *Mr. Thomas Shepherd* at Bourty.

Ministers; the Right Honourable the Lord Drumore, Ruling Elder. Burgh of Kintore, Mr. *Thomas Dundas* of Fingask. From the Presbytery of Deer, Mr. *William Mercer* at Pirnigo, Mr. *Thomas Anderson* at Aberdour, Mr. *James Walker* at Peterhead, Ministers; the Right Honourable the Lord Strichen, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Turreff, Mr. *George Gordon* at Drumblade, Mr. *William Johnston* at Montwhitter, Ministers; *George Smith* in Piger, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Fordice, Mr. *Walter Morrison* at Deskford, Mr. *James Adamson* at Ordiquhill, Ministers. From the Presbytery of Strathbogie, Mr. *Alexander Chalmers* at Marnoch, Mr. *Walter Syme* at Mortlich, Ministers. From the Presbytery of Aberlour, Mr. *John Tough* at Aberlour, Mr. *Hugh Grant* at Knockando, Ministers; the Right Honourable the Lord Elchies, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Abernethy, Mr. *William Gordon* at Alvie, Mr. *Patrick Grant* at Duthel, Ministers; Mr. *John Grant* younger of Elchies Advocate, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Elgin, Mr. *William Dougal* at Spynie, Mr. *Lauchlan Shaw* at Elgin, Ministers; Mr. *Joseph Brodie* of Milton, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Forreths, Mr. *John Crockett* at Dallas, Mr. *Alexander Rose* at Nairn, Ministers; *Alexander Sutor* in Grievshop, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Inverness, Mr. *Robert Thomson* at Kirkhill, Mr. *Murdoch Mackenzie* at Inverness, Ministers; *Duncan Forbes* of Culloden, Esq; Lord President of the Court of Session, Ruling Elder. Burgh of Inverness, *John Macintosh* Merchant there. From the Presbytery of Chanonry, Mr. *John Wood* at Rosemarky, Mr. *Donald Fraser* at Kilearnan, Ministers; *Alexander Gordon* of Ardoch Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Tain, Mr. *Donald Ross* at Fearn, Mr. *Patrick Grant* at Logie Easter, Ministers; the Hon. the Master of Ross, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Dingwall, Mr. *John Maclean* at Contane, Mr. *Colin Mackenzie* at Fotherty, Ministers; *Albert Munro* of Coul, Ruling Elder, with his Grace *James Duke of Arhol*, his Grace *Archibald Duke of Argyle*, the most Honourable *John Marquis of Tweeddale*, the Right Honourable *James Earl of Morton*, the Right Honourable the Lord Monzie, the Lord Murkle, Senators of the College of Justice, Ruling Elders; To be Commissioners of this General Assembly, to the Effects after mentioned, with Power to the said Commissioners, or their Quorum, which is hereby declared to be any Thirty-one of the said Commissioners, whereof Twenty-one are always to be Ministers, to meet and convene within the Assembly-house at *Edinburgh*, the first Day after the Dissolution of this Assembly, at Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon, and thereafter the first *Wednesday* of *August*, and second *Wednesdays* of *November* and *March* next to come, and

and oftner, when and where they shall think fit and convenient; with Power to the said Commissioners to chuse their own Moderator: And likewise the General Assembly fully impowers their said Commissioners, or their *Quorum*, above mentioned, to cognosce and finally determine, as they shall see Cause, in every Matter referred, or that shall be referred to them, by any Act or Order of this Assembly, and to do every thing contained in, and conform to the Instructions given, or to be given by this Assembly; and to advert to the Interest of the Church on every Occasion, that the Church, and present Establishment thereof, do not suffer or sustain any Prejudice which they can prevent, as they will be answerable: Providing always, That this General Clause be not extended to particular Affairs, or Processes before Synods or Presbyteries, that are not of universal Concern to, or Influence upon the whole Church. And it is hereby appointed, That no private Processes be determined, except at the four stated Diets, and what shall be determined at one Diet of the Commission, with relation to private Causes, shall be unalterable by any other Diet thereof, and shall stand and continue in Force till disapproved by the General Assembly; and the General Assembly renews the Instructions given by the General Assembly, in the Year One thousand seven hundred and seventeen, to their Commission, and appoints the same to stand in full Force, as Instructions to the Commissioners before named, and to be observed by them in all Points, as if the same were specially here insert: And that they inquire into the publishing and spreading of Books and Pamphlets, tending towards the promoting of Opinions of whatever kind, inconsistent with our *Confession of Faith*; and that the Recommenders of such Books or Pamphlets, or the Errors therein contained, whether by Word, Writ, or Print, be called before the said Commission to answer for the same. And further, The said Commission is hereby impowered to receive any References and Appeals, that shall be made to them from Synods, in Matters of Doctrine, and ripen such Affairs for the General Assembly; and to contribute what they can to the suppressing of Vice and Immorality; and give all needful Advice and Assistance to Synods and Presbyteries, upon Application to them for that End: Likewise to take Care that the Impressions of the *Holy Scriptures*, the *Confession of Faith*, and *Catechisms*, and such Books as are authorised by this Church, relating to the Doctrine, Worship, Discipline and Government thereof, be correct, and give Directions about printing the same. And the said Commission are appointed and impowered to keep a Correspondence with the Committee for Reformation of the *Highlands and Islands*, for suppressing Popery and Superstition, and for promoting the Knowledge of true Religion, and carrying

rying on a Reformation in these Parts, and give Assistance and Concurrence therein; and, if Need be, to apply to the Government for a proper Remedy, and speedy Redress. And the said Commissioners are hereby strictly prohibited and discharged to meddle in any other Matters, than what are committed and referred to them, as above mentioned: And in all their Actings, they are to proceed according to the Acts and Constitution of this Church, and to do nothing contrary thereto, or to the Prejudice of the same; declaring, that in, and for all their Actings, they shall be accountable to, and censurable by the next General Assembly, as they shall see Cause. And this Commission is to continue and endure, until another Commission be appointed; and Members are required to attend the Diets of the said Commission, and Absents therefrom ordered to be noticed, according to the 17th Act of the General Assembly held in the Year One thousand seven hundred and six; and for the better securing of a *Quorum*, and Attendance of Members on the Commission, the General Assembly prohibits the Presbytery of *Edinburgh*, or any other Presbytery within twelve Miles thereof, to meet any of the Days or Weeks appointed for the Meeting of this Commission; and such of the Members of these Presbyteries as are on the Commission, are required, all of them, to give Attendance on the Diets thereof; and the Presbyteries at a greater Distance, who have four or more Members on the Commission, are to take Care that at least two of them attend each Diet of the same: And the Assembly appoint their Commission, at their first Meeting, to discuss as many of the Causes and Questions, relative to the Settlement of vacant Churches, which are or shall be referred to them by the Assembly, as they can overtake. And it is further provided, That when any Presbytery or Synod of this Church shall decline to comply with the Sentences of the Commission, or to give the same a full Execution; in that Case, the Commission is hereby prohibited to execute the same, by appointing any such correspondent Meetings, as has been sometimes the Practice, but shall allow the same to ly over to the ensuing Assembly, to which such Presbyteries or Synods shall be answerable for such their Conduct, and are hereby appointed to send up with their Commissioners their Reasons for the same. And the Assembly do further impower and direct the said Commission to make due Application to the King and Parliament, for Redress of the Grievance of Patronage, in case a favourable Opportunity for so doing shall occur, during the Subsistence of this Commission. And the General Assembly do enjoin their Commission, that in passing their Sentences, and in ordering the Execution of the same, they strictly observe the 12th Act of the Assembly 1736.

Overture about Probationers VII.

ACT appointing the Diet of the next General Assembly.

Edinburgh, May 18th. 1747. *Sess. ult.*

THE next General Assembly of this National Church is appointed to be held in this Place upon the 2d *Thursday* of May next, being the 12th Day of that Month, in the Year 1748.

The General Assembly was concluded with Prayer, and singing of the 133d Psalm throughout, and pronouncing the Blessing.

Collected and extracted from the Records of the General Assembly, by

GEORGE WISHART *Ch. Eccl. Scot.*

Overture about licensing Probationers.

Edinburgh, 15th May 1747.

THE General Assembly do once more transmit the Overture, about the Method of licensing Probationers to the several Presbyteries of this Church, for their Opinion, to be sent up to the next Assembly, with this Certification, that such as neglect sending up their Returns to the ensuing Assembly, shall be held as acquiescing in the whole of the said Overture; and such Presbyteries as have already sent their Opinion, shall notwithstanding send it up of new.

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Overture about Processes against Probationers.

THE General Assembly considering, that very few Presbyteries have sent up their Opinion, respecting the Overture, about extending the Article in the Form of Process, relating to Informations against Ministers to Probationers, do again transmit the same to the several Presbyteries, with Certification, that such as do not send up their Opinion to the next ensuing General Assembly, shall be constructed as acquiescing in the said Overture; and do appoint, that Letters be wrote to the Presbyteries, requiring them to take it early under Consideration.

Overture about the Psalmody.

THE General Assembly considering the Overture, with respect to the Translations and Paraphrases of several Pieces of Sacred Scripture, did agree, to appoint the Committee which formerly had this Affair under Consideration, to meet at the Times in which they were in Use to meet before, *viz.* in the Society-hall, upon *Tuesday* before, each quarterly Meeting of the Commission at Ten o' Clock Forenoon, and at other Times and Places as they see Cause, and appoint, that all Instructions relating to it, that have been sent up to this Assembly, shall be laid before them, and that Presbyteries shall send up what further Instructions they think proper to the said Committee, who shall report the same, with their Opinion, to the next Assembly.

Overture about the calling of Ministers to vacant Parishes.

Edinburgh, 16th May 1747.

THERE was transmitted to the General Assembly from their Committee for Overtures the following Overture, in relation to the Calling of Ministers to vacant Parishes, *viz.* That none shall be admitted to vote in the Call of a Minister of the Church of *Scotland*, who either have twice heard Sermon, or attended Divine Worship performed by a Nonjurant Episcopal Minister or Preacher in *Scotland*, where his Majesty King *George*, and Royal Family,

Family, were not prayed for in express Words, within twelve Callendar Months, immediately preceeding the Vacancy of the Church to be supplied, or who, during any Part of the said twelve Calendar Months, have received Sealing Ordinances dispensed by such Ministers; and that it shall be competent to prove the said Facts by the judicial Declaration of the Person claiming a Vote, and objected to, or by any other Mean of Proof known, competent in Law. And that no Proxy from any Person claiming a Vote shall be sustained, unless there be annexed to the Commission of Proxy a subscribed Declaration, bearing, that the Party granting it, does not fall under any of the Exceptions above mentioned.

The General Assembly having heard and considered the above Overture, did agree, without a Vote, to transmit the same to the several Presbyteries of this Church, that they may send up their Opinion to the next General Assembly, whether the same shall be turned into an Act or standing Rule of this Church, and do recommend it to all Presbyteries to take the same early under their Consideration.

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The King's Commission to the Earl of *Leven* to represent his Majesty's Royal Person in this Assembly, read and recorded. *Ibid.*

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The Draught of an Answer to the King's most gracious Letter to this Assembly brought in and approven, and his Grace the Commissioner undertakes to transmit the same to his Majesty, *May 9th, Sess. 3.*

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der the State of the Church's publick Money, and prepare Overtures about the same, agreeable to the 7th Act of Assembly 1712, and 8th Act of Assembly 1719, and all Petitions and Claims for any Part of the said Money, ordered to be laid before the said Committee, and they are also appointed to prepare any Overtures or References made by the late Commission to this Assembly. *Ibid.*

A Committee appointed to revise the Register of the Committee, named by the last Assembly, for managing the Royal Bounty, for Reformation of the *Highlands and Islands*. *Ibid.*

Committees named to revise the Synod Books of *Glenelg, Lothian and Tweeddale, Merse and Teviotdale, Dumfries, Fife and Aberdeen*. *Ibid.*

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The Report of the Committee for revising Commissions brought in, and the Presbyteries of *Chirnside, Hamilton and Inveraray*, having elected their Representatives more than a Month preceeding the first of the 40 Days before the Meeting of the Assembly, it is recommended to them to be more exact in Time coming, in making their Elections, as required by the Acts of Assembly.

Petition of Mr. *George Reid* missionary Minister in *Fair Isle* to the Presbytery of *Zetland*, and by them recommended to the Assembly for an Addition to his Salary, is remitted to the Committee for managing the Royal Bounty this Year. *Ibid.*

A Committee appointed to consider a Petition of Mr. *John Matthie* Minister of *Coleffe*, and a Reference from the Presbytery of *Coupar* concerning the Elders of the Parish of *Coleffe*, being only two in Number, who do not attend Gospel Ordinances in their Parish-Church, nor keep Session with their Minister, but without his Knowledge or Consent give Lines to Persons for Sealing Ordinances, in which Practices they are countenanced by some Ministers of the said Presbytery, in so far as these Ministers admit People to the Sacrament of the Supper, and baptize their Children upon such Lines from the said Elders. *Ibid.*

The Committee for Overtures appointed to receive the Instructions from the several Presbyteries and Synods, and class the Matters therein contained, and prepare Overtures upon the same, and also to receive in any Accounts that shall be given them of the State of the Church in the North-Highlands and Islands, particularly concerning the Growth of Popery and

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and Superstition, consider the same, and prepare Overtures for suppressing or preventing these Corruptions. *Ibid.*

A Committee appointed to revise the Synod Book of *Galloway*, May 11th, Sess. 4.

The Report of the Committee, named Yesterday, to consider Mr. *Matthie's* Petition brought in, and in consequence thereof, the Presbytery of *Coupar* are appointed, at their first regular Meeting after the Assembly, to cause summon the Elders of *Collessie* to appear before them at their next subsequent Meeting, and to require them to submit to Mr. *Matthie's* Ministry, and to return to the regular Exercise of their Office, which if they refuse, the Presbytery are enjoined to depose them *instantly* from their Office of Eldership, and the Presbytery of *Coupar*, and all the Ministers thereof, are enjoined not to admit the Parishioners of *Collessie* to sealing Ordinances, without a Certificate from the Minister of that Parish, bearing his being satisfied, that they are worthy of Church-Privileges. *Ibid.*

The Sentence of the Synod of *Lothian* and *Tweeddale* sustaining a Call to Mr. *Patrick Baillie* Probationer, to be Minister of *Borrochstownness*, affirmed, and the Appeal taken there-against for his Grace the Duke of *Hamilton* dismissed. *Ibid.*

An Appeal of Sir *James Carnegie* of *Pittarrow*, and others, Callers of Mr. *George Campbell* Probationer to be Minister at *Fordoun*, from a Sentence of the Synod of *Angus* and *Mearns*, sustaining a Call by others of the said Parish to Mr. *William Forbes* Probationer, and reversing a Sentence of the Presbytery of *Fordoun*, sustaining a Call by the Appellants to the said Mr. *Campbell* heard, the Synod's Sentence sustaining the Call to Mr. *Forbes* affirmed, and the Presbytery appointed to proceed to his Trials and Settlement as Minister of *Fordoun*. *Ibid.*

A Petition of the Presbytery of *Auchterarder*, craving, that some Allowance out of the publick Fund be granted to the Minister of the united Parishes of *Trinity-Gask* and *Kirkell*, for enabling him to carry on a Process for his Stipend, referred to the Committee on the publick Accompts, May 12. Sess. 5.

A Petition of the Commissioners from the Presbytery of *Dunkeld*, desiring Assistance out of the publick Fund, for making effectual a Designation made by the said Presbytery of some Lands, for a legal Glebe to the Minister of *Kincleaven*, referred to the Committee on the publick Accompts. *Ibid.*

A Petition of Mr. *Walter Hart* Minister at *Bunkle*, to the Presbytery of *Dunfermline*, and a Recommendation by the said Presbytery, craving, that a Process depending for an Augmentation

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mentation to his Stipend, may be carried on at the publick Expence, remitted to the Committee on the publick Accompts. *Ibid.*

A Committee appointed to consider the Laws relating to the Poor, and receive in Proposals from the several Presbyteries, or others, in order to their concerting a Plan for the Maintenance and Employment of the Poor of *Scotland*, to be laid before the Commission, who are empowered, if they think it necessary to transmit a Scheme thereof to the several Presbyteries, who are to keep a Correspondence with the Heritors and Justices of Peace, in their several Bounds, upon the Subject, that they may report their Opinion thereupon to the next Assembly. *Ibid.*

The Procurator and Agents for the Church appointed to take proper Steps, for recovering a Debt of 500 Merks due to the Poor of the Parish of *Alvie*, by *George Cuthbert* of *Castlehill*. *Ibid.*

Report of the Society in *Scotland* for propagating Christian Knowledge, anent the Settlement of *Raining's* School, and their Resolution for continuing the same in Perpetuity at *Inverness*, approved of. *Ibid.*

A Judgment of the Synod of *Fife*, affirming a Sentence of the Presbytery of *Coupar*, sustaining a Call to *Mr. George Simson* Probationer to be Minister of *Faulkland*, affirmed. *Ibid.*

The Sentence of the Synod of *Aberdeen*, sustaining a Call to *Mr. William Innes* Probationer to be Minister of *Skeen*, and reversing a Sentence of the Presbytery of *Aberdeen*, sustaining a Call to *Mr. George Abercromby* Minister at *Footdee* to be Minister at *Skeen* affirmed, and the Presbytery of *Aberdeen* appointed to proceed to *Mr. Innes's* Trials and Settlement. *Ibid.*

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The Sentence of the Presbytery of *Dumfries*, sustaining a Call to *Mr. William Clark* Probationer to be Minister of *Kirkgunzeon*, affirmed; and he having, upon a former Occasion, past his second Trials before the Presbytery of *Kirkcudbright*, the Presbytery of *Dumfries* are appointed, upon a proper Certificate from the said Presbytery of *Kirkcudbright* of their Approbation of *Mr. Clark* on these his Trials, to proceed to his Settlement in the Parish of *Kirkgunzeon*, May 14th Sess. 7.

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bationer, as Minister of *Balmaclellan*, to call him before them, in order to his purging himself by Oath, with respect to a *fama clamosa* raised against him affirmed: A Libel given in to the said Presbytery, since last Meeting of the Synod, by *Robert MacLellan* of *Barscobe*, and others, against the said Mr. *MacKie*, dismissed as malicious, the Assembly's Dissatisfaction with the Libellers intimated to them; and the Presbytery of *Kirkcudbright* appointed to proceed to Mr. *MacKie*'s Settlement as Minister of *Balmaclellan*, according to the Rules of the Church. *Ibid.*

The Report of the Trustees, appointed by Act of Parliament, for managing the Fund for a Provision to Ministers Widows, &c. brought in, and ordered to ly on the Table till another Diet, and a Committee appointed to meet with the said Trustees. *Ibid.*

Report of the Visitors of the Commission-book brought in, and their Book ordered to be attested, reserving the Consideration of a Complaint entred against them by Mr. *Alexander MacLagan* Minister of *Little Dunkeld*. *Ibid.*

The Sum of 326 l. 7 s. 9 d. *Stek.* in the Procurator's Hands, and the Sum of 41 l. 9 s. 5 d. in the Hands of *Robert Mackintosh* Agent for the Church, being the Amount of Principal and Annualrents of the Money collected for building a Place for publick Worship in the *Enzie*, ordered to be lent out to the Town of *Edinburgh* at 4 per Cent. *Ibid.*

A Complaint by Mr. *Alexander MacLagan* one of the Members of the Presbytery of *Dunkeld*, against a Sentence past by the Commission 13th *November* last, in the Case of Mr. *Thomas Man* Minister of *Dunkeld*, excluding him, Mr. *MacLagan*, from being a Judge in that Cause, in regard he had been a Witness against Mr. *Man*, Read; and a Committee appointed to meet with Mr. *MacLagan*, and the Members of the Commission, to consider the Grounds of the said Complaint, and prepare an Opinion thereupon. *Ibid.*

Appointment on the Procurator and Agents for the Church, to concur at the publick Charge, to make effectual a Mortification by the late Earl of *Monteith* to the Poor of the Parishes of *Port*, *Aberfoyle* and *Drymen*, in the Presbyteries of *Dumbarton* and *Dumblane*; and in case the Sum mortified shall be recovered, the Charges to be reimbursed out of the same to the publick Funds. *Ibid.*

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- The Sentence of the Synod of *Fife*, sustaining a Call to Mr. *Thomas*

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Thomas Condie, Probationer, to be Minister of *Dairsie*, affirmed; and the Presbytery of *Cupar* appointed to proceed to his Trials, and Settlement therein, with all convenient Dispatch, according to the Rules of this Church. *Ibid.*

A List of Members of the several Synods brought in, and appointed as a Committee to draw the Commission and Instructions, and name the Members of the Commission of this Assembly. *Ibid.*

And approving the Accompts of Mr. *David Dalrymple*, Advocate; Procurator for the Church, his Intromissions with his Majesty's Allowance for defraying the publick Charges of the Church, for the Terms of *Christmas 1745, Ladyday Mid-summer, and Michaelmas 1746*; and appointing a Balance of 10 l. 14 s. 4 d. two thirds in his Hands, to be charged in his next Accompts. *Ibid.*

And approving the Accompts of *Robert Mackintosh*, Agent for the Church, and Sub-Clerk to the General Assembly, and appointing that he have Credit in his next Accompt, for the Balance of 9 l. 1 s. 9 d. *sterl.* due to him. *Ibid.*

And approving the Accompt of *John Baillie*, Agent for the Church, and appointing that he have Credit in his next Accompt, for the Balance of 2 l. 7 s. 4 d. four sixths *sterl.* due to him. *Ibid.*

The Report of the Visitors of the Register of the Committee, appointed by last Assembly for managing the Royal Bounty, for the Reformation of the *Highlands*, &c. brought in, and the Remarks made thereon; remitted to the Committee to be named for managing the Royal Bounty this Year, and the said Register ordered to be attested. *May 16th, Sess 10.*

The Report of the Committee for naming the Members of the Commission, brought in, and read; but the Approbation thereof is delayed till Monday next: Mr. *M'Lagan's* Complaint against the last Commission, not being as yet discussed. *Ibid.*

Overture anent the Calling of Ministers to vacant Parishes. *Ibid.*

Appeal of the University of *Glasgow*, Patrons of the Parish of *Govan*, from a Sentence of the Presbytery of *Glasgow*, refusing to concur with a Call to Mr. *William Thom*, Probationer, to whom the University gave their Presentation to be Minister of the Parish of *Govan* heard, the said Sentence reversed; and the Presbytery appointed to proceed to Mr. *Thom's* Settlement as Minister of *Govan*, according to the Rules of the Church. *Ibid.*

Reference to the Commission finally to determine in any Complaint, Reference or Appeal, which may be made to them, relating to the Settlement of the Parish of *Govan*. *Ibid.*

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- Act reponing Mr. *David Brown*, late Minister at *Belbevie*, to the Exercise of his Office as a Minister of the Gospel; he having declared his Resolution to go to foreign Parts. *Ibid.*
- The Sentence of the Synod of *Merse* and *Teviotdale*, appointing the Moderation of a Call at large, to one to be Minister of the Parish of *Bedrule*, to be at the Church of *Bedrule* the 27th of *May* Instant, affirmed; and the Commission impowered to take in, Cognosce, and finally determine, in any Reference or Appeal, which shall be made to them, with respect to the Settlement of the said Parish. *Ibid.*
- Reference to the Commission to consider a Representation by some Ministers and Elders, Members of the Assembly, from the *Highlands*, concerning the State of their Country; and the Commission are impowered and appointed to make such Application to the Government, concerning new Erections of Parishes in these rebellious Corners of the Country, as they shall judge Expedient. *May* 18th, *Sess. ult.*
- The Applications from Ministers in the Presbytery of *Aber-tarph*, and Minister of *Frasersburgh*, for directing the Trustees of the Widow's Fund, to grant them 30 *l.* upon Bond, without waiting the Order established by the Assembly 1744, refused. *Ibid.*
- Reference to the Commission to Cognosce, and finally determine, in an Appeal of *Gilbert Pringle* of *Tarfance*, from a Sentence of the Synod of *Merse* and *Teviotdale*, dated in *October* last, declaring him still to be lying under the Sentence of lesser Excommunication, pronounced in *July* 1745, notwithstanding they had ordered that Censure to be taken off, in case he should dismiss a Servant, who said she had brought forth a Child to a Gentleman abroad. *Ibid.*
- The Report of the Committee appointed to meet with the Members of the last Commission, and Mr. *M'Lagan*, bearing, that the Words alledging that Mr. *M'Lagan* was the first informer and spreader of the Fama against Mr. *Man*, and the framer of the Libel against him, are unnecessarily inserted, brought in, and approved; and the Assembly gave Judgment, that a Person's having been examined as a Witness in any Part of a Process, does not disqualify him from being a Judge. *Ibid.*
- The Report of the Committee for naming the Members of the Commission, and preparing Instructions to them, approved. *Ib.*
- The Commission are impowered to take in the Report of those appointed to bring in the Nomination of a Committee, for managing the Royal Bounty for this Year; and also to cause to be entered or registered in their Book, the Royal Warrant for the 1000 *l.* for this Year, granted for Reformation of the *Highlands*. *Ibid.*

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The Report of the Committee upon the publick Accounts, brought in and approv'd; and the Assembly refer to the the Commission to examine the State of the publick Funds, and to rank the several Creditors, according to the Weight of their Claims, and to give Orders about their Preference upon the same. *Ibid.*

A Sum not exceeding 15 *l. sterl.* of the Churches Money, allowed for defraying the Expence of a Process depending, for a Stipend to the Minister of *Trinity-Gask*. *Ibid.*

The Sum of 5 *l. sterl.* allowed as a Help to defray the Expence of a Process for a Stipend to the Minister of *Preston* and *Buncle*, besides the Dues of extracting a Decreet.

A Sum not exceeding 5 *l. sterl.* allowed for the Expence of a Process in supporting the Minister of *Kincleaven's* Right to a legal Glebe and Grass, besides the Expence of extracting a Decreet. *Ibid.*

The usual Viaticums of 6 *l. sterl.* appointed to be paid to the Commissioners from the Presbyteries of *Abertarph* and *Mull*, for their Attendance on this Assembly. *Ibid.*

Order for Payment of 6 *l. sterl.* to Mr. *John Grant*, as Commissioner from the Presbytery of *Abertarph* to the General Assembly 1743. *Ibid.*

Reference to the Commission to consider the Request of the Presbytery of *Abertarph*, for having Processes carried on at the Church's Expence, for a legal Stipend, Kirk, Manse and Glebe, to the Parish of *Laggan* and any other Parishes wanting the same in their Bounds. *Ibid.*

Reference to the Commission to consider a Letter from the Synod of *Argyle*, craving that a Process for the new Erection of a Parish in *Ardnamurchan*, be carried on at the Church's Expence; and also for obtaining an Augmentation of Stipend to the Minister of *Glasserie*, for enabling him to maintain an Assistant. *Ibid.*

The Committee named by the Assembly 1739 for inspecting of old Manuscripts concerning the Church, authorized to consider certain Manuscripts in the Hands of the Heirs of Mr. *Robert Woodrow*, Minister of *Eastwood*, and others, and report their Opinion to the Commission, how far the same should be purchased. *Ibid.*

Reference to the Commission to consider the Petition of Mr. *Robert Thomson*, Minister of *Kirkhill*, craving Relief for the Losses he has sustained, as well before, as after the Rebellion. *Ibid.*

Reference to the Commission to determine in an Appeal of *Thomas Simson* in *Carstborn*, from a Sentence of the Synod of *Dumfries*, pronounced in *October* 1740, in a Process of Scandal against him, which has depended before the Commissions of Assemblys till now. *Ibid.*

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Reference to the Commission to cognosce, and finally determine in an Appeal by *Peter Reid* at *Orchard-Mill* of *Gask*, from a Sentence of the Synod of *Perth* and *Stirling*, finding him guilty of Adultery with *Isobel Tosbach* his own Servant. *Ib.*

Report of the Committee appointed to consider the Petition of *Mr. Andrew Fiskine*, brought in, and the Procurator and Agents appointed to carry on a Process for obtaining a competent Stipend for the Parish of *Delting*; as also, for the Settlement of a legal School, as was directed by an Act of the Assembly 1726. *Ibid.*

Order for Payment of 100 l. Scots, as the *Viaticum* to *Mr. Andrew Fiskine*, as Commissioner from the Presbytery of *Zetland* this Year, and the like Sum as Commissioner from the said Presbytery anno 1732. *Ibid.*

Recommendation to the Committee for managing the Royal Bounty, to give some Allowance to *Mr. John Fiskine* Probationer in the Presbytery of *Zetland*, for assisting the Minister of *Delting* in respect of his old Age, and Smallness of his Stipend. *Ibid.*

Reference to the Commission to cognosce, and finally determine in an Appeal by *Mr. David Blair*, Minister of *Brichen*, from a Sentence of the Synod of *Angus* and *Mearns*, appointing him to prosecute before the Kirk-Session of *Farnwell*, an Accusation by him against *John Ferrier*, one of the Elders, Members of that Session. *Ibid.*

The Synod Books of *Lothian* and *Tweeddale*, *Merse* and *Tewisdale*, *Fife*, *Galloway*, *Aberdeen* and *Moray*, attested.

The Synod Books of *Dumfries*, *Glasgow* and *Ayr*, *Argyle*, *Perth* and *Stirling*, *Angus* and *Mearns*, *Ross*, *Glenelg*, and Presbytery Book of *Zetland*, not being brought up to this Assembly, Excuses were offered for the same, and sustained; and the Books were ordered to be brought up to the next Assembly. *Ibid.*

Ordered that Letters be sent to the Synods of *Sutherland*, and *Caithness*, and *Orkney*, to give the Reasons, why none of the Presbyteries in their Bounds, had any Commissioners at the Assembly; and that they send up their Books to be revised by the next Assembly. *Ibid.*

A Petition of the Society for propagating Christian Knowledge, read; and the Assembly earnestly recommended and appointed a voluntary Collection to be made at all the Parish Church-doors within *Scotland*, that so an Opportunity might be given to every one that inclines to contribute. *Ib.*

All Affairs depending before the Commission of the last General Assembly, and not discuss'd by them, are referred to the Commission of this Assembly. *Ibid.*

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Protestation admitted at the Instance of the Synod of *Merse* and *Teviotdale*, and several of the Heretors, Elders and others, of the Town and Parish of *Lauder*, against some Heretors and others of the said Town and Parish, for not insisting in their Appeal from a Sentence of the said Synod, affirming a Judgment of the Presbytery of *Earlstoun*, sustaining a Call to Mr. *Robert Fisher*, Probationer, to be Minister of *Lauder*. *Ibid.*

Protestation admitted at the Instance of the Presbytery of *Caithness*, against Sir *James Sinclair* of *Mey*, for not insisting in his Appeal from a Sentence of the said Presbytery, sustaining a Presentation granted by *William Sinclair* of *Freswick*, to Mr. *James Brodie*, Preacher of the Gospel, to be Minister of *Canisby*. *Ibid.*

Protestation admitted at the Instance of some Parishoners of *Cockburnspath*, against others of that Parish, for not insisting in their Appeal from a Sentence of the Synod of *Lothian* and *Tweeddale*, affirming a Judgement of the Presbytery of *Dunbar*, delaying to appoint the Moderation of a Call to a Minister for that Parish. *Ibid.*

Protestation admitted at the Instance of the Synod of *Dumfries*, against *James McCulben*, in the Parish of *Dunscore*, for not insisting in his Appeal against their Sentence, pronounced against him in a Process of Scandal. *Ibid.*

The List of Probationers in the Bounds of Thirty five Presbyteries produced, amounting to the Number of One hundred and thirty Probationers, and ordered to be recorded; there being Thirty five Presbyteries that omitted to send up the Names of their Probationers, and Seven Presbyteries who report they had no Probationers in their Bounds; and ordered that the several Presbyteries be more exact in making up their Lists of Probationers, and transmitting the same annually to the General Assembly. *Ibid.*

The Minutes of this Sederunt were read; the Minutes of former Sederunts having been all read at the Diets subsequent to each Sederunt. *Ibid.*

A Committee appointed to revise the Minutes of this Assembly's Proceedings, at this, and all the other Diets thereof; and to pitch upon such of the Acts of this Assembly, as are to be standing Rules, or are of publick Use, in order to be printed; and also, to distribute the Money collected in the Assembly House, for the Relief of indigent Widows and Orphans of Ministers. *Ibid.*

The Moderator's Speech to the Assembly, and to his Majesty's Commissioner. *Ibid.*

The Lord Commissioner made a Speech in Return, and then the Assembly was concluded. *Ibid.*

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